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SUBJECT : TOURE'S CURRENT POLICIES REGARDING GUINEA-BISSAU
AND PORTUGAL

1. DESPITE PAIGC PLANS FOR ONLY LOW-KEY CEREMONY ON SEPT 24, GUINEA IS PLANNING MAJOR HOLIDAY, WITH STADIUM RALLY, OTHER EVENTS, FOR "FIRST ANNIVERSARY" OF INDEPENDENT GUINEA-BISSAU. GUINEAN RADIO IS BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ALL DELEGATIONS TRANSITING CONAKRY FOR PAIGC CEREMONIES AT MADINA DA BOE. (ONE EXCEPTION TO PAIGC PLANS TO LIMIT FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO YOUTH GROUPS AND ACCREDITED AMBASSADORS IS CAMBODIAN GRUNK FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO NOW TRANSITING CONAKRY.) RADIO HAS ALSO CARRIED WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE FIRST OF SEVERAL MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SEKOU TOURE, THIS ONE FROM GUINEAN EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE, PRAISING TOURE'S LEADERSHIP OF ANTI-COLONIALIST STRUGGLE AND HIS ROLE IN LIBERATION OF GUINEA-BISSAU.

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2. RADIO HAS ALSO BROADCAST SIAKA STEVENS MESSAGE (IN RESPONSE

TO MESSAGE FROM TOURE) STATING THAT GOSL AGREES THAT AFRICAN STATES SHOULD NOT RESUME RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL WHILE ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE ARE STILL COLONIES.

3. COMMENT: PRESENT ACTIVITY IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO RATHER RESTRAINED ATTITUDE GUINEA HAD ADOPTED SO FAR OVER GUINEA-BISSAU'S INDEPENDENCE. PRESENT MOVES MAY BE BECAUSE PRESIDENT TOURE BELIEVES THAT HE AND GOG ARE NOT RECEIVING SUFFICIENT CREDIT (AND THEREBY ARE LOSING INFLUENCE) FOR LIBERATION OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LIBERATE OTHER COLONIES. TOURE SEEMS WILLING TO RISK ISOLATION FROM PAIGC AND AFRICAN MODERATES TO HAVE ROLE AS IDEOLOGICAL LEADER OF HARD-LINE ANTI-PORTUGUESE FORCES.

4. BELIEVE THAT PAIGC LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TO SUCH EFFORTS TO AGGRANDIZE TOURE AND TO TREAT PORTUGAL AS IF IT WERE STILL CLASSIC COLONIAL POWER. IF PAIGC PURSUES MODERATE POST-INDEPENDENCE POLICY OF ECONOMIC AND OTHER TIES TO PORTUGAL, STRAINS ON PAIGC/GOG RELATIONS WILL INCREASE. EVENTS SUCH AS MOBUTU'S MEETING WITH SPINOLA AND SENGHOR'S ACTIVITIES IN MAINSTREAM OF GUINEA-BISSAU EVENTS MUST BE ANATHEMA TO TOURE. TOURE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS ATTRACT ATTENTION TO HIMSELF AND, AS NEED ARISES, SPEAK OUT AGAINST ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE CONTRARY TO HIS APPROACH.
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